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8 IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
9 EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA  
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11 UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
12 Plaintiff,  
13 v.  
14 PAUL HUGHES,  
15 Defendant.  
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2:24-CR-00244-TLN

PRELIMINARY ORDER OF FORFEITURE

17 Based upon the plea agreement entered into between plaintiff United States of America and  
18 defendant Paul Hughes, it is hereby ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED as follows:

19 1. Pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 2253(a), defendant Paul Hughes' interest in the following  
20 property shall be condemned and forfeited to the United States of America, to be disposed of according  
21 to law:

22 a. Seagate External HDD, Serial Number: NAC83BAR.

23 2. The above-listed property was used or intended to be used to commit and to promote the  
24 commission of a violation of 18 U.S.C. § 2251(a).

25 3. Pursuant to Rule 32.2(b)(3), the Attorney General (or a designee) shall be authorized to  
26 seize the above-listed property. The aforementioned property shall be seized and held by the U.S.  
27 Marshals Service, in its secure custody and control.

28 4. a. Pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 2253(b), incorporated by 21 U.S.C. § 853(n), and Local

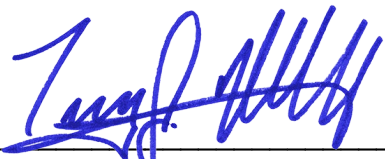
1 Rule 171, the United States shall publish notice of the order of forfeiture. Notice of this Order and notice  
2 of the Attorney General's (or a designee's) intent to dispose of the property in such manner as the  
3 Attorney General may direct shall be posted for at least 30 consecutive days on the official internet  
4 government forfeiture site www.forfeiture.gov. The United States may also, to the extent practicable,  
5 provide direct written notice to any person known to have alleged an interest in the property that is the  
6 subject of the order of forfeiture as a substitute for published notice as to those persons so notified.

7           b. This notice shall state that any person, other than the defendant, asserting a legal  
8 interest in the above-listed property, must file a petition with the Court within sixty (60) days from the  
9 first day of publication of the Notice of Forfeiture posted on the official government forfeiture site, or  
10 within thirty (30) days from receipt of direct written notice, whichever is earlier.

11           5. If a petition is timely filed, upon adjudication of all third-party interests, if any, this Court  
12 will enter a Final Order of Forfeiture pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 2253(a), in which all interests will be  
13 addressed.

14           SO ORDERED this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of December, 2024.

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Troy L. Nunley  
Chief United States District Judge